

**CHAPTER 220**  
**TUITION REFUNDS**  
*S.F. 271*

**AN ACT** relating to refund of tuition policies of certain postsecondary institutions and to prescribe a penalty.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. **NEW SECTION. 714.23 REFUND POLICIES.**

A person offering a course of instruction at the postsecondary level, for profit, that is more than four months in length and leads to a degree, diploma, or license, shall make a pro rata refund of eighty-five percent of the tuition for a terminating student to the appropriate agency based upon the ratio of completed number of school days to the total school days of the school term or course. However, if the financial obligations of a student are for three or fewer months duration, this section does not apply.

Refunds shall be paid to the appropriate agency within thirty days following the student's termination.

If the student terminates later than three weeks after the course of instruction has commenced, the person offering the course of instruction cannot admit a student to replace the student for which a refund was received for the remaining portion of the school term or course.

A violation of this section is a simple misdemeanor.

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**CHAPTER 221**  
**SCHOOL REORGANIZATION**  
*S.F. 398*

**AN ACT** relating to school reorganization.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 275.14, Code 1985, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

**NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH.** Objection forms shall be prescribed by the department of public instruction and may be obtained from the area education agency administrator. Objection forms that request that property be removed from a proposed district shall include the correct legal description of the property to be removed.

Sec. 2. Section 275.15, Code 1985, is amended to read as follows:

**275.15 HEARING — DECISION — PUBLICATION OF ORDER — APPEAL.**

At the hearing, which shall be held within ten days of the final date set for filing objections, interested parties, both petitioners and objectors, may present evidence and arguments, and the area education agency board shall review the matter on its merits and within five ten days after the conclusion of any hearing, shall rule on the objections and shall enter an order fixing such the boundaries for the proposed school corporation as will in its judgment be for the best interests of all parties concerned, having due regard for the welfare of adjoining districts or dismiss the petition.

**PARAGRAPH DIVIDED.** The area education agency board, when entering the order fixing the boundaries, shall consider all requests timely filed for boundary line changes of property owners who reside on property adjacent to the proposed boundary lines.

If the petition is not dismissed and the board determines that additional information is required in order to fix boundary lines of the proposed school corporation, the board may continue the hearing for no more than thirty days. The date of the continued hearing shall be announced at the original meeting. Additional objections in the form required in section 275.14 may be considered if filed with the administrator within five days after the date of the original board hearing. If the hearing is continued, the area education agency administrator may conduct one or more meetings with the boards of directors of the affected districts. Notice of any such meeting must be given at least forty-eight hours in advance by the area education agency administrator in the manner provided in section 21.4. The area education agency board may request that the administrator make alternative recommendations regarding the boundary lines of the proposed school corporation. The area education agency board shall make a decision on the boundary lines within ten days following the conclusion of the continued hearing.

**PARAGRAPH DIVIDED.** The agency administrator shall at once publish this order the decision in the same newspaper in which the original notice was published. Within twenty days after the publication thereof, the decision rendered by the area education agency board may be appealed to the district court in the county involved by any school district affected. For purposes of appeal, only those school districts who filed reorganization petitions